

CBHE Presidential Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary
April 10, 2003
Dr. Henry Shannon, Chair

The CBHE Presidential Advisory committee met at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2003, at Truman State University in Kirksville. Members (or their representatives) present were:

Bobby Patton (Central Missouri State University)
Edwin Strong, Jr. (Culver-Stockton College)
Constance Bowman for Henry Givens, Jr. (Harris-Stowe State College)
Joe Simmons for David Henson (Lincoln University)
Donald Claycomb (Linn State Technical College)
Edgar Rasch for Keith Lovin (Maryville University of St. Louis)
James Scanlon (Missouri Western State College)
Evelyn Jorgenson (Moberly Area Community College)
Dean Hubbard (Northwest Missouri State University)
Norman Myers (Ozarks Technical Community College)
Ken Dobbins (Southeast Missouri State University)
John Keiser (Southwest Missouri State University)
Don Doucette for John McGuire (St. Charles County Community College)
Henry Shannon (St. Louis Community College)
Brent Bates for Stephen Poort (State Fair Community College)
Jack Magruder (Truman State University)
Elson Floyd (University of Missouri)
Richard Wallace (University of Missouri-Columbia)
Gary Thomas (University of Missouri-Rolla)
Jerry Durham for Don Driemeier (University of Missouri-St. Louis)
Rose Windmiller for Mark Wrigton (Washington University)

Members absent from the meeting were:

Julio Leon (Missouri Southern State College)
Martha Gilliland (University of Missouri-Kansas City)
Kent Farnsworth (Crowder College)
Karen Herzog (East Central College)
William McKenna (Jefferson College)
Wayne Giles (Metropolitan Community Colleges)
Terry Barnes (Mineral Area College)
Walter Nolte (North Central Missouri College)
John Cooper (Three Rivers Community College)
Marianne Inman (Central Methodist College)
Helen Washburn (Cottey College)

Members of the Coordinating Board present were:

Sandra Kauffman, Chair
Marie Carmichael, Vice-Chair

Mary Joan Wood, Secretary
 John Bass
 Dudley Grove
 Lowell Kruse
 Robert Langdon
 Kathryn Swan

Also attending were:

Quentin Wilson, Commissioner of Higher Education
 Debra Cheshier, Director of Educational Policy, Planning, and Improvement Center (EPPIC)
 Robert Stein, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs and Planning
 John Wittstruck, Senior Research Associate (EPPIC)
 Jim Matchefts, Associate Commissioner and Director of Legal Affairs for MOSTARS/General
 Counsel for Coordinating Board for Higher Education
 Leroy Wade, Director of Proprietary School Certification
 Chris Kelly, Director of Communications
 Susanne Medley, Director of Marketing
 Brenda Miner, Administrative Assistant to the Commissioner
 Laura Vedenhaupt, Administrative Assistant for Academic Affairs and Planning
 Donna Imhoff, Research Associate for Fiscal and Legislative Affairs
 Trudy Baker, Administrative Assistant (EPPIC)

Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Henry Shannon, chancellor, St. Louis Community College, welcomed the presidents and chancellors and introduced Mrs. Sandra Kauffman, chair, Coordinating Board for Higher Education. Chair Kauffman introduced the newest member of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education, Mrs. Kathryn Swan, president of JCS/TEL-LINK in Cape Girardeau. Mrs. Swan replaces Mrs. Mary Findley of Cape Girardeau, who resigned.

Status of FY 2004 Budget and Proposed Legislation Relating to Higher Education

Commissioner Wilson informed the presidents and chancellors that there may be the possibility of additional cuts of \$80 to \$100 million to higher education in the next fiscal year.

Commissioner Wilson stated that the revenue stream improved in March, which may allow higher education to complete FY 2003 without additional withholdings. However, the cash flow is not certain until after May 15.

Commissioner Wilson noted that Becky Brennecke posts updated information regarding higher education related legislation and the status of the FY 2004 budget in her weekly report, available online at www.dhe.mo.gov/legupdate.htm.

Proposed Revisions to 6 CSR 10-6.010: Standards for Establishing Community Junior College Districts

Dr. John Wittstruck presented Proposed Revisions to 6 CSR 10-6.010: Standards for Establishing Community Junior College Districts. The board directed the Department of Higher Education staff, at the December 4, 2002 board meeting, to recommend revisions to the standards for establishing new community colleges included in 6 CSR 10-6.010. At the February 6, 2003 meeting, the board reviewed, discussed the background information and the recommendations for changing the existing administrative rule. After the amended rule becomes effective, the revised standards, relating to student enrollment projections and other requirements, may be used for considering petitions requesting that the board call a local election on the question of establishing a new community college taxing district. The Coordinating Board for Higher Education has the authority to deny petitions containing identified errors.

Chancellor Shannon commended Dr. Wittstruck on the preparation and initiation of this well organized agenda item.

Update on Two- and Four-year Review of Associate Degree Delivery Policies

In October 2002, the board delayed formation of an external task force to study issues surrounding associate degree delivery for six months, thereby providing institutional presidents/chancellors an opportunity to resolve differing viewpoints on this topic.

The two-and four- year organizations, the Missouri Community College Association (MCCA) and the Council on Public Higher Education (COPHE), appointed a subcommittee of four presidents/chancellors or their designees from each organization. That group has been meeting under the leadership of Dr. Kenneth Dobbins from the public four-year sector and Dr. Evelyn Jorgenson from the public two-year sector.

On Monday, April 7, 2003, a document was sent from the joint subcommittee to the presidents and chancellors of all institutions, representing the results of the discussion of the subcommittee. Dr. Dobbins and Dr. Jorgenson are prepared to discuss the document with members of the board and the Presidential Advisory Committee. Although Linn State Technical College, proprietary institutions, and independent institutions have not yet been consulted, those institutions are expected to be engaged in dialogue on this issue.

Dr. Dobbins commended the cooperative and collaborative efforts put forth by the joint subcommittee in addressing institutional concerns. Dr. Don Doucette was acknowledged for his work in drafting a document compiling the results of the discussions of the joint subcommittee.

Dr. Dobbins stated that the primary goal of the joint subcommittee is to provide better access to higher education for all Missourians. The joint subcommittee is trying to provide clear access to education and to avoid the turf issues of the past. There are still several challenges to address,

especially in regard to distance delivery and dual credit courses. It will take time to work through these issues.

Dr. Jorgenson expressed appreciation for the work of the members of the joint subcommittee and commented that the draft is a best effort to reach an agreement; great progress has been made but there is progress still to be made. The joint subcommittee may not be able to come to a consensus on all issues. Instead, the joint subcommittee may present the board with different alternatives for consideration.

Dr. Shannon commended the members of COPHE and MCCA for their work on the draft document. Ms. Grove stated that she was pleased with the draft in general, but she was concerned that some of the exceptions seemed to perpetuate the status quo, i.e. that grandfathering associate degree programs protect an institution's "turf." Dr. Dobbins responded that some institutions have invested considerable resources in these agreements, and the board should not preclude continuation of viable programs.

Dr. Donald Claycomb stated his concern that institutions such as Linn State Technical College would be forced into the position of not offering programs without permission from the community colleges. Linn State Technical College sent a letter expressing that concern to Commissioner Wilson. Dr. Dobbins and Dr. Jorgenson hastened to reassure Dr. Claycomb that it was not the intention of the joint subcommittee to place Linn State or any other institution in an unfavorable position. They reiterated that the document was merely a draft and that there were many items still to discuss with their respective colleagues.

Chair Kauffman asked if the joint subcommittee anticipated that any new issues would arise from discussions with other institutions, or did the joint subcommittee believe that the draft document addressed issues for all sectors. Dr. Jorgenson stated that it was unlikely that any new issues would present themselves that have not been anticipated in the document. Dr. Doucette responded that the applicability of public sector guidelines to independent and proprietary institutions is always an issue. Chair Kauffman urged the joint subcommittee to bring the independent, proprietary, and technical institutions into the discussion; the board wants all institutions to have time to provide meaningful input.

Ms. Grove asked how the joint subcommittee's plan would provide better access to higher education. Dr. Jorgenson responded that if the two- and four-year sectors can collaborate effectively, that will address the problem.

Dr. Robert Stein stated that the joint subcommittee has made progress and that it may be beneficial to have guidance from the Coordinating Board on deadlines.

Ms. Wood asked Dr. Dobbins and Dr. Jorgenson what they would consider to be a reasonable time frame for finalization of the document. Dr. Dobbins responded that it was unlikely that the joint subcommittee could furnish a finalized document for review at the June 2003 meeting in Jefferson City. On behalf of the joint subcommittee, Dr. Dobbins requested a six-month extension for continued discussion with a target date of the October 2003 CBHE meeting for presentation of the subcommittee's recommendations.

Commissioner Wilson thanked the presidents and chancellors for the data they provided on mission differentiation, as it is important that those issues of concern to the institutions, receive focus from the Department of Higher Education staff, the Coordinating Board for Higher Education and the institutions.

Priority Outcome Measures

At their work session on April 9, the Coordinating Board prioritized goals related to preparation, participation, affordability, completion, benefits, learning, customer satisfaction, underserved groups, quality and performance excellence, and workforce development. Commissioner Wilson invited the presidents and chancellors to designate the goals they considered priorities to their institutions. Discussions will take place with the institutions regarding the results of this informal survey.

Chancellor Richard Wallace stated that the University of Missouri-Columbia and other institutions are working on solutions to these challenging times. He requested this survey be sent to all institutions as it would be beneficial in discussions with their governing boards. Chancellor Shannon reiterated the valuable benefit of this information to presidents and chancellors in planning the future of their institutions and the future of higher education in Missouri.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.